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"I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills."

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HISTORY OF THE SONG.

Samuel Francis Smith, D.D., who was born in Boston, Oct. 21, 1808, is the author of "America." He states that the song was written by him when a student at Andover, in the winter of 1831-2. He was selecting pleasing music from German song books, when "God Save the King" met his eye, and he "proceeded to give it the ring of American republican patriotism."

There has been much discussion in England about the origin of this air: for it was in 1815 the national air of England, Prussia, and Russia, but has been superceded in the latter country. Many of the best authorities ascribe the original strain to Henry Carey, who died in 1743; he was the author of "Sally in our Alley," one of the most popular English songs ever written.

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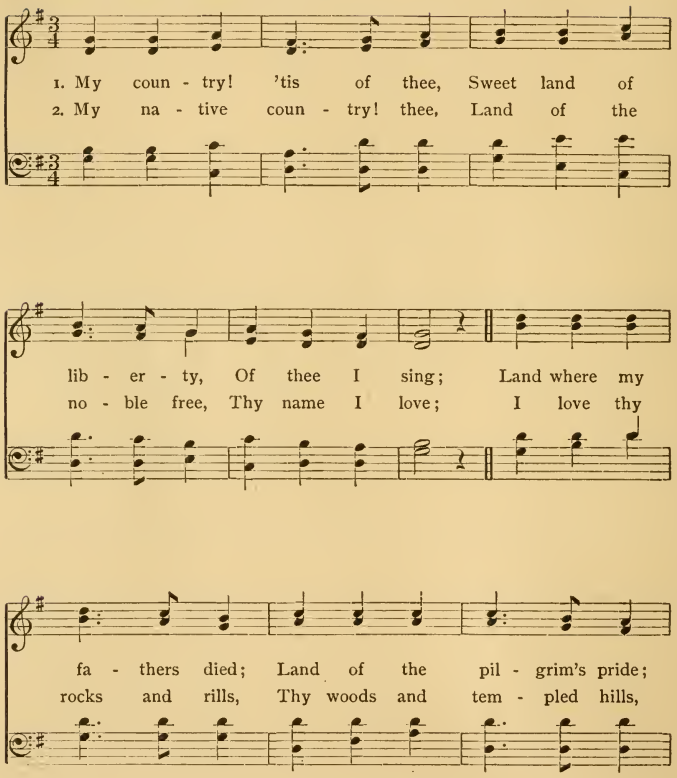
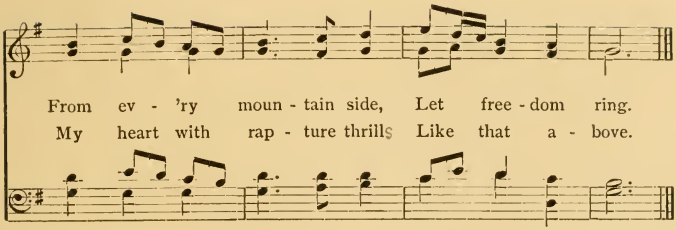
MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE.

Words by Samuel Francis Smith.

1. My coun - try! 'tis of thee, Sweet land of
2. My na - tive coun - try! thee, Land of the
lib - er - ty, Of thee I sing; Land where my
no - ble free, Thy name I love; I love thy
fa - thers died; Land of the pil - grim's pride;
rocks and rills, Thy woods and tem - pled hills,



3 Let music swell the breeze
And ring among the trees
Sweet freedom's song:
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

4 Our fathers' God! to thee,
Author of liberty!
To thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our King!

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